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El equipo de fútbol de Los Gallos Blancos de Querétaro viene a Detroit

Por Santiago Esparza

Estás listo para el fútbol?.

Querétaro FC viene desde México al suroeste de Detroit del 12 al 14 de julio para reclutar jugadores para su equipo y entrenar a los jóvenes que buscan dar lo mejor de sí dentro y fuera del campo.

El evento está abierto a jóvenes entre 12 y 18 años, de todos los niveles. Los jugadores se agruparán por edad y nivel de habilidad y recibirán instrucción individual, hablarán con ex jugadores y tendrán la oportunidad de ser vistos no solo por el equipo sino también por los cazatalentos de las escuelas del área que buscan talento.

"El fútbol es un deporte caro", dijo el organizador Anthony Bernal. "Desafortunadamente, deja atrás a muchos niños".

Bernal espera que al menos 70 jóvenes participen durante el evento en el complejo del Centro Recreativo Kemeny en Fort Street. Los organizadores ayudan a sufragar los costes con vales y patrocinio de eventos.

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Mexican Professional Soccer Club Coming to Detroit for Training and Tryouts

By Santiago Esparza

Are you ready for some Fútbol?.

The Queretaro FC soccer team from Mexico is coming to Southwest Detroit July 12-14 to try out players for their team in Mexico and to provide instruction for youths looking to put their best feet forward on and off the field.

Queretaro FC soccer team

The event is open to youths 12 to 18 years old and of all skill levels. Players will be grouped by age and skill level and receive individual instruction, chat with former players and get a chance to be seen not only by the team but scouts from area schools looking for talent.

"Soccer is an expensive sport," organizer Anthony Bernal said. "It unfortunately leaves a behind a lot of kids."

Bernal expects at least 70 youths to participate during the event at the Kemeny Recreation Center complex on Fort Street. Organizers are helping to defray costs with vouchers and event sponsorships.

"We are not selling false hopes, Bernal, 31 and of Farmington Hills, said. "The bar is high. We are giving opportunities to the kids to learn life skills. It is more than becoming a pro player."

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WSU Center for Urban Studies Receives Grant To Address Air Quality in Detroit Homes

Wayne State University has received a $638,283 grant for the AmeriCorps Urban Safety Program (AMUS), an initiative of the university's Center for Urban Studies.

The grant was provided by the Gordie Howe Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority and will be used by the Southwest and Delray Community Safety Program, which is part of AMUS. The grant will further the program's efforts of improving air quality within homes, particularly near the new bridge, where issues like diesel smoke and industrial pollutants may become a factor.

"One of the big issues in southwest Detroit is small particulates in the air," said Lyke Thompson, Ph.D., director of the Center for Urban Studies and professor of political science. "They are very dangerous for people to breathe. Part of this project is providing people with air purifiers, which take those particulates out of the air in the home, and dehumidifiers, which dry the air and reduce the possibility of mold."

"The Delray Community Home Safety Program will provide home safety assessments, door locks, smoke detectors, energy efficient lights and carbon monoxide detectors," said Ramona Washington, program director for AMUS. "Our indoor safety assessments will evaluate risk of safety, asthma and flooding. We can put things like air purifiers in homes, as well as humidifiers, dehumidifiers and furnace filters. We'll also provide educational materials about protecting homes from risk."

Thompson said that people spend approximately 80% of their time indoors, and poor air quality caused by external pollutants are a major concern if they go unmitigated within homes.

The Delray Community Home Safety Program also will be recruit youth between the ages of 17 and 24 to provide services in the neighborhoods where they are conducting the program.

A grant from the Gordie Howe Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority aims to improve air quality in homes near the new Detroit-Windsor bridge where pollutant issues may become a factor

"This project is an example of how Wayne State University is committed to empowering the health of our urban neighborhoods," said Ezemenari M. Obasi, Ph.D., vice president for research at Wayne State University. "Dr. Thompson is leading an effort that will help make substantial contributions to improving the air quality within homes in southwest Detroit."

Wayne State University is one of the nation's pre-eminent public research institutions in an urban setting. Through its multidisciplinary approach to research and education, and its ongoing collaboration with government, industry and other institutions, the university seeks to enhance economic growth and improve the quality of life in the city of Detroit, the state of Michigan and throughout the world. For more information about research at Wayne State University, visit research.wayne.edu.

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Detroit Latina Leaders Invited to Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at White House

Eva Garza Dewaelsche, President and CEO of SER Metro-Detroit and Publisher and Owner of EL CENTRAL, and Belda Garza, former state representative and president of MANA de Metro Detroit, accepted invitations extended by President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden to celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the White House on Monday, May 6. More than 100 invitees from around the nation attended the special event in the Rose Garden honoring the Mexican victory at the Battle of Puebla. Guests were entertained by an all-female Mariachi Band from Los Angeles and treated to a strolling buffet on the South Lawn.

President Biden addressed the guests and spoke about the importance of recognizing the Latino community and the many contributions that they have and continue to make to ensure our country is strong. He spoke about the need to address the issues that are important to Latino voters and how critical it is for us to be involved in this year's election. The president highlighted the youth of our community and what an impact they will have on this year's election. He noted the significant progress we have made in education and in the workforce and in increasing our household income and home ownership. Biden spoke about immigration and how we need immigrants to keep our country strong. He concluded his remarks by highlighting many of his administration's accomplishments during his first term and the hard work ahead.

From left, Adrian Fontes, Secretary of State of Arizona, Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Belda Garza, and Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services

An all-female Mariachi Group performed at the White House

From left, Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Belda Garza and Amy Hinojosa, Pres. and CEO MANA National

First Lady Jill Biden addresses the guests as President Biden looks on

Eva Garza Dewaelsche, left, and Belda Garza pause for a photo from the South Lawn of the White House

President Biden strolling into the Rose Garden

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Detroit Writing Room Hosts 2024 Summer Author Series at The Whitney

The Detroit Writing Room is delighted to announce its 2024 Summer Author Series held at the historic Whitney mansion in Midtown Detroit. This is the second year The Detroit Writing Room has partnered with The Whitney to host the first public literary events in the mansion's history. The intimate experiences take place in the Whitney's outdoor garden and patio May through August. All events proceeds will support the DWR's nonprofit arm Coaching Detroit Forward, which offers free writing and photography programs for Detroit high school students.

Each Author Series event features two notable authors with Michigan ties. Guests will enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres during a meet-and-greet with the authors. The event also includes two author talks, an opportunity to ask questions during Q&A, book signings and raffle drawings. The Detroit Writing Room has partnered with Detroit independent bookstore 27th Letter Books for guests to purchase books in advance and onsite. The talks will be held the last Wednesday of every month from 7 - 8:30 p.m. EST.

Featured 2024 authors include:

May 29 - Stories for Young Readers

• Gerry Boylan and Eli Clark, grandfather and grandson co-authors of "Showdown At Firefly Island" (2023)

• Amy Nielander, Detroit Writing Room children's book coach and author-illustrator of "My Name Is Not Ed Tug" (West Margin Press, 2022)

June 26 - Jane Austen Retellings

• Sonali Dev, author of "The Emma Project" (William Morrow Paperbacks, 2022)

• A.H. Kim, author of "Relative Strangers" (Graydon House, 2024)

July 31 - A Dive into the Detroit Numbers

• Bridgett M. Davis, author of "The World According to Fannie Davis: My Mother's Life in the Detroit Numbers" (Little, Brown and Company, 2019)

• Felicia B. George, author of "When Detroit Played the Numbers" (Wayne State University Press, 2024)

August 28 - Love and Acceptance

• Lynne Golodner, author of "Woman of Valor" (Scotia Road Books, 2023)

• Lisa Peers, author of "Love at 350°" (Dial Press Trade, 2023)

The intimate events include meet-and-greets with acclaimed authors, book talks, signings and more. All proceeds support writing and photography programs for Detroit youth.

Detroit Writing Room founder and CEO Stephanie Steinberg decided to use this year's Author Series as a way to give back and support the Detroit high school students who attend Coaching Detroit Forward programs. "The author events we hold outside on The Whitney's patio are truly a magical experience. Guests get to enjoy wine, food and the warm summer evenings while meeting acclaimed local and national authors. Even better, you'll support a young Detroit writer or photographer by attending this year," Steinberg said.

Wayne State University Press is partnering for the July event highlighting a new book about the Detroit numbers gambling system. "Wayne State University Press is pleased to continue to grow our relationship with The Detroit Writing Room," said Wayne State University Press Executive Director Stephanie L. Williams "We are delighted that Felicia B. George, author of 'When Detroit Played the Numbers' is featured in the 2024 programming, along with a great lineup of other local authors." The July event also features author Bridgett M. Davis, whose memoir "The World According to Fannie Davis," is being adapted for film by Brad Pitt's production company Plan B.

Single tickets are $60, which includes appetizers and one glass of wine, Champagne or beer. A 2024 Author Series Pass can be purchased to attend all four events for $240 and receive 15% off books.

Read more about each author and get tickets at detroitwritingroom.com/2024-author-series.

The Detroit Writing Room LLC offers an inspirational community for writers, creatives and professionals. Whether you're working on the next Great American novel or a resume, the DWR has over 30 professional writing coaches to help with all your writing needs. We also host book talks, writing workshops and literary events. Visit detroitwritingroom.com to sign up for coaching, memberships, events and more. Visit newyorkwritingroom.com to learn about our virtual chapter in New York.

Coaching Detroit Forward is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that coaches Detroit high school students in writing, photography, graphic design and other creative fields. Award-winning local journalists, authors, communications professionals, photographers and designers teach students and share their expertise through summer camps, workshops and after-school programs. Through Coaching Detroit Forward, students gain mentors who guide them through internships, jobs and careers. Visit coachingdetroitforward.org to learn more.

SPECIAL WORLD'S CULTURES

Teacher's Day

Teacher's Day

During the month of May, education is celebrated in several countries, in the United States on May 7 it is Teacher's Day and in Mexico the month of May is filled with commemorations. Starting with May 2, university professor's day; May 15, Teacher's Day; on May 25, student day.

Why do we care about all this?

To give some examples.

However, since the 19th century, social movements have pushed for university education to be accessible to all, creating public schools, thereby making it possible for people from very different situations to have access to academic education.

Families began to encourage their children to study more and more, in order to encourage society to develop better every day. We can see it in countries like Japan and Germany that have invested large amounts of money in scholarships and programs for society to develop, becoming nations with great international recognition.

Because not so long ago, education was only accessible to some people, mostly men and, among these, only to those of certain social conditions. So the rest of the population did not have the opportunity to be professionally educated, leaving this vast majority of people with education through trade training.

The carpenter taught his children from an early age to work with wood: dry it, cut it, carve it to achieve exceptional pieces that he could offer to society. Thus, the craftsman, the jeweler, the plumber, the blacksmith and the bricklayer took their children to their workplaces to teach them the use of tools.

Their children, when they reached their youth, had already developed their skills and when they reached the age of 30, many of them became independent with their own businesses. It is not surprising that there are so many signs that say the name of the father and his children, or the name of the brothers: Herrería Fernández, Mueblería Gómez, Locksmith Peter & Sons.

Currently, society, thanks to the great efforts of teachers, has achieved that educational programs have diversified and more and more people want to teach and accompany during learning.

In a month like this, it is important to recognize the commitment and effort that teachers make towards society to share and accompany in learning, as well as the students for trusting in change.

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ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO,
by Mariana Ayón RV

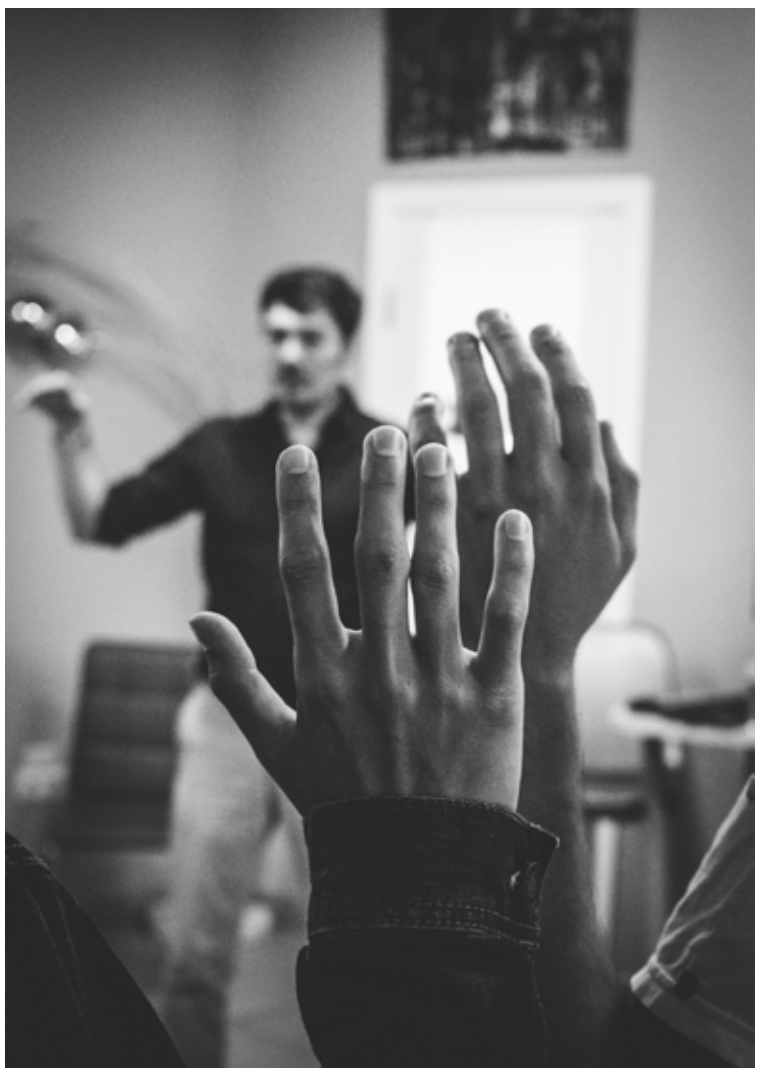
ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO

Día del maestro y del estudiante

Día del maestro y del estudiante

Durante el mes de mayo se celebra la educación en varios países, en Estados Unidos el 7 de mayo el día del maestro y en México el mes de mayo se llena de conmemoraciones. Empezando con el 2 de mayo, día del profesor universitario; el 15 de mayo, el día del maestro; el 25 de mayo, el día del estudiante.

¿Por qué nos importa todo esto?



Porque hace no tanto tiempo atrás, la educación sólo era accesible para algunas personas, en su mayoría hombres y, de entre estos, sólo para aquellos de ciertas condiciones sociales. De manera que el resto de la población no tenía la oportunidad de educarse profesionalmente, quedando esta gran mayoría de personas con educación a través de la formación de oficios.

El carpintero enseñaba a sus hijos desde temprana edad a trabajar con la madera: secarla, cortarla, tallarla para lograr piezas excepcionales que podría ofrecer a la sociedad. Así, el artesano, el joyero, el fontanero-plomero, el herrero y el albañil llevaban a sus hijos a sus lugares de trabajo para enseñarles el uso de las herramientas.

Los hijos de estos, al llegar a su juventud ya habían desarrollados sus habilidades y al llegar a los 30 años muchos de ellos se independizaban con sus propios negocios. No es de sorprenderse tantos letreros que dicen el nombre del papá y sus hijos, o bien, el nombre de los hermanos: Herrería Fernández, Mueblería Gómez, Locksmith Peter & sons. Por dar algunos ejemplos.

Sin embargo, desde el siglo XIX los movimientos sociales presionaron para que la educación universitaria fuera accesible para todos, creando escuelas públicas, haciendo con ello posible que personas de muy diferentes situaciones tuvieran acceso a la educación académica.

Las familias comenzaron a impulsar a sus hijos a que estos estudiaran más y más, para con esto impulsar a que la sociedad se desarrollara cada día mejor. Podemos verlo en países como Japón y Alemania que han invertido grandes cantidades de dinero en becas y programas para que la sociedad se desarrollara, llegando a ser naciones con gran reconocimiento internacional.

Actualmente, la sociedad gracias al gran esfuerzo de los docentes, ha logrado que los programas educativos se hayan diversificado y cada vez más personas quieran enseñar y acompañar durante el aprendizaje.

En un mes como éste, es importante reconocer el compromiso y esfuerzo que hacen los maestros hacia con la sociedad para compartir y acompañar en el aprendizaje, así como de los estudiantes por confiar en el cambio.

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UM study: Detroit's Latino Home Values Outpace All Other Detroit Homeowners in Real Estate Wealth from 2014-22

Mayor Mike Duggan, City Council members joined with Detroit residents and real estate agents to celebrate the recent findings of a UM study regarding significant increases in home values since 2014 for those who stayed in the city.

A comprehensive new study recently released by the University of Michigan Poverty Solutions entitled "The Growth of Housing Wealth in Detroit and its Neighborhoods: 2014-2022" concluded that Black homeowner-occupants in Detroit amassed $2.8 billion in added home value between 2014 and 2022, which represents an 80% increase during that time. The study analyzed changes in Detroit's housing values for the nine-year period following the city's municipal bankruptcy to understand how much growth there has been and whether that growth has been equitably distributed across neighborhoods and racial/ethnic populations.

The study was led by Jeffrey D. Morenoff, who is Professor and Associate Dean, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and Professor of Department of Sociology and Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan. Demographer and Founder of Data Driven Detroit, Kurt Metzger co-authored the report, which can be found on the UM Poverty Solutions website.

According to the study's findings, the net value of all owner-occupied homes increased from $4.2 billion in 2014 to $8.1 billion in 2022, a $3.9 billion/94 percent increase in housing wealth over these nine years. It also estimates Black homeowners realized the vast majority of that gain in wealth, with their home values rising from $3.4 billion in 2014 to $6.2 billion in 2022, a $2.8 billion jump.

"For the past nine years, the active members of 600 organized block clubs and neighborhood associations in the city have been working to rebuild their neighborhoods. The $3 billion in new home wealth they have created and earned is a direct result of their dedication and hard work," said Mayor Mike Duggan.

Neighborhoods with high concentrations of Hispanic/Latino populations, especially those in Southwest Detroit, experienced some of the largest increases in home values over the nine-year time period.

Ken Scott, past President of the Greater Detroit Realist Association and Detroit Association of Realtors and HUD certified housing counselor, said the study matches what he and his fellow realtors have been seeing over the past several years.

"There has been a huge shift for the better in Detroit's home values, driven largely by the improvements being made in neighborhoods. My follow realtors and I have been seeing this shift for years. Black owned homes are rising in value and Black families are gaining the most family wealth," said Scott. "And while home values have risen dramatically, there is a lot of growth yet to come. Detroit homes are beautiful and dollar-for-dollar still a great value."

Scott also praised programs that create new homeowners, like Detroit's ARPA-funded Down Payment Assistance Program, which provides grants of up to $25,000 to help with closing costs and other costs associated with home purchases and make homeownership more accessible and affordable. So far, the program has created nearly 500 new homeowners in Detroit - most of them Black. A second round of the program is expected to open in June.

Lowest value areas saw greatest increase

The study also shows that neighborhoods that were at their lowest point in 2014 have risen the most in value. Neighborhoods that had the lowest values in 2014 saw a nearly 300% increase in value in 2022, while those areas of comparatively middle and high value saw increases of 99% and 131%, respectively.

"Home values grew the most from 2014 to 2022 in neighborhoods with the lowest property values and highest poverty rates in 2014," the study says. "Neighborhoods with high concentrations of Hispanic/Latino populations, especially those in Southwest Detroit, experienced some of the largest increases in home values over the nine-year time period. The growth in home values was geographically dispersed in neighborhoods throughout the city rather than being concentrated in neighborhoods in the downtown and midtown areas.

In the Condon neighborhood located in Southwest Detroit, which saw one of the largest rises in value, the average home sale price in 2014 was about $7,500. By 2022, the average home sale had soared to more than $71,000 - an increase of 853%. Other neighborhoods in the city, including Jefferson/ Mack, Kettering, Springwells and Davison saw increases of 300% or more.

The Mayor attributed the neighborhood rebound to committed residents who fought for their communities and did the hard work to keep them stable as the city worked to recover. He also credited city employees for a series of neighborhood improvements that have contributed significantly to rising home values, including:

- Renovation of more than 170 city parks and recreation centers
- Removal of 25,000 dangerous vacant homes
- Renovation and re-occupancy of 15,000 salvageable vacant homes
- Sale of 25,000 vacant side lots to adjacent homeowners
- Cleaning of 3,000 overgrown and trash-filled alleys
- Commercial blight removal and corridor cleanup
- New neighborhood streetscapes bringing back small businesses
- 167 new Motor City Match businesses open across the city
- Safer neighborhood streets thanks to installation of 10,000 speed humps
- Programs like Renew Detroit, 0% Interest Home Improvement Loan Program to address critical repairs and to help keep longtime Detroiters in their homes.

The study also cited the dramatic reduction in tax foreclosures in Detroit as a key factor in determining the net wealth gain. Since 2016, the City and a coalition of partners has helped to reduce tax foreclosures by 95%, also helping to thousands more longtime Detroiters in possession of their homes. Those partners have included:

- The Rocket Community Fund
- Gilbert Family Foundation
- U-SNAP-BAC
- Eastside Community Network
- Bailey Park
- Hannan Center
- Central Detroit Christian
- Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance
- Bridging Communities
- MiWealth
- United Community Housing Coalition
- Wayne Metro
- Accounting Aid Society

University of Michigan Professor Jeffrey Morenoff, stands with Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, center, and other speakers at a press conference on April 16, 2024, about Morenoff's findings on how Detroit home values changed from 2014 to 2022. Photo credit: City of Detroit

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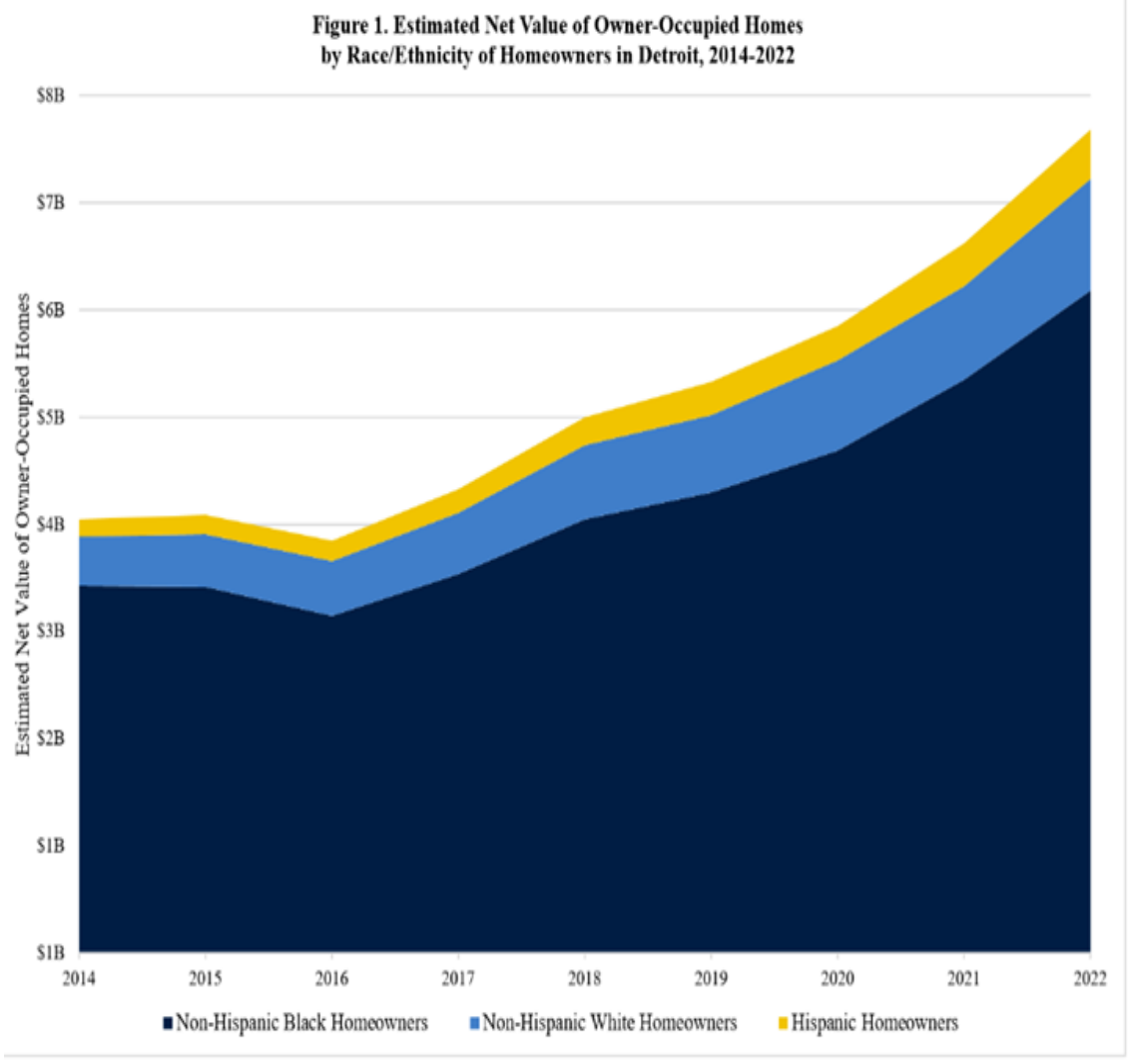

Mexican Professional Soccer Club Coming to Detroit

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Workshops will emphasize the need to practice, stay out of trouble, attend classes and make good decisions, he said. The discipline needed to do well on the feed translates off the field in doing well in life, he said.

"Discipline on and off the field is necessary," Bernal said. "In order to be successful in life, you need to have discipline."

Jesse Venegas' family owns The Ideal Group in Southwest Detroit and is a sponsor of the event. He said he wanted to make sure the participants had access to instruction usually offered at expensive camps.

"All the big clubs do events, but always outside of Detroit and they are always expensive," he said. "The goal is to get people who couldn't afford it together with high level instructors."

The organizers tried to get the event together last year but were not able to pull it off. Instead, they sent Nathan Romero, a student at Western International High School to Mexico for a week of individual training.

Romero, now 17 years old, said seeing other youths there doing their own laundry, making meals and embracing the ability to make their own decisions influenced him to follow suit.

"You have to be responsible for yourself," he said. "You have to take charge of yourself. You are going to have eyes on you for your whole life. Make sure you are on top of things."

For information about the event, visit www.gallosblancosdetroit.com. Early registration is offered at a 40 percent discount until May 31.

Querétaro Fútbol Club, also known as "Gallos Blancos de Querétaro", is a professional Mexican soccer club based in the city of Querétaro, Mexico, founded on July 8, 1950. The Club currently contests the MX League, the country's main soccer competition. Its colors are blue, black and white and the mascot is a rooster.

Club de fútbol profesional mexicano viene a Detroit

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"No estamos vendiendo falsas esperanzas", dijo Bernal, de 31 años de Farmington Hills. "Las expectativas son altas. Estamos brindando oportunidades a los niños para que aprendan habilidades para la vida. Es más que convertirse en un jugador profesional".

Los talleres enfatizarán la necesidad de practicar, no meterse en problemas, asistir a clases y tomar buenas decisiones, dijo. La disciplina necesaria para tener un buen desempeño en la cancha se traduce fuera del campo en un buen desempeño en la vida, dijo.

"Es necesaria la disciplina dentro y fuera del campo", dijo Bernal. "Para tener éxito en la vida, es necesario tener disciplina".

La familia de Jesse Venegas es propietaria de The Ideal Group en el suroeste de Detroit y es patrocinadora del evento. Dijo que quería asegurarse de que los participantes tuvieran acceso a la instrucción que normalmente se ofrece en campamentos costosos.

"Todos los grandes clubes organizan eventos, pero siempre fuera de Detroit y siempre son caros", dijo. "El objetivo es reunir a personas que no pueden permitírselo, con instructores de alto nivel".

Los organizadores intentaron hacerlo el año pasado, pero no pudieron llevarlo a cabo. En cambio, enviaron a Nathan Romero, un estudiante de Western International High School, a México por una semana de capacitación individual.

Romero, que ahora tiene 17 años, dijo que ver a otros jóvenes allí lavando su propia ropa, preparando su comida y abrazando la capacidad de tomar sus propias decisiones lo animó a hacer lo mismo.

"Tienes que ser responsable de ti mismo", dijo. "Tienes que hacerte cargo. Vas a tener las miradas puestas en ti durante toda la vida. Asegúrate de estar al tanto de todo".

Para obtener información sobre el evento, visite www.gallosblancosdetroit.com . La inscripción anticipada se ofrece con un descuento del 40 por ciento hasta el 31 de mayo.

Querétaro Fútbol Club, también conocido como " Los Gallos Blancos de Querétaro", es un club de fútbol mexicano profesional con sede en la ciudad de Querétaro, México, fundado el 8 de julio de 1950. El Club disputa actualmente la Liga MX, la principal competencia de fútbol del país. Sus colores son azul, blanco y negro y la mascota es un gallo.

Nathan Romero particpated in the Gallos Blancos camp in 2023

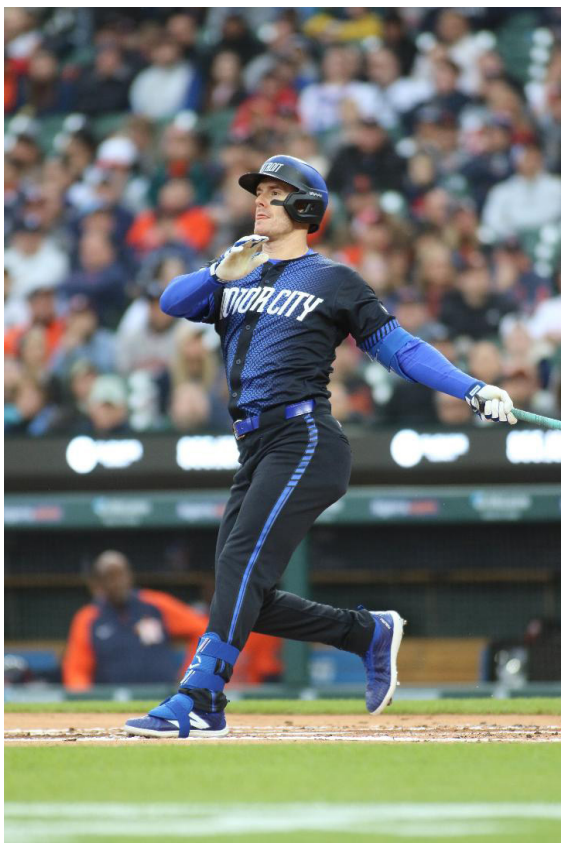
Gallos Blancos

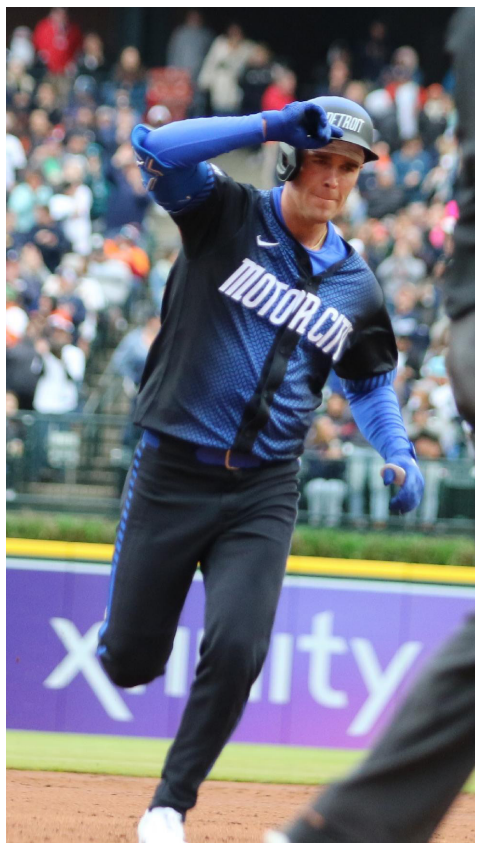
Tigers debut new "City Connect Uniforms" vs. Houston Astros

Photos and story by: Mike Alberts/ EL CENTRAL

The conservative Detroit "Old English D" uniforms were put on the shelf for the occasional use of "City Connect" style uniforms adopted by 32 of the 34 MLB teams. The Tigers uniforms sport "MOTORCITY" on the front, a special 313 patch on the left sleeve shoulder, and a MEIJER patch on the right sleeve shoulder. The reflective left shoulder patch is likened to the road sign 1 for Woodward Avenue and a 3 on each side in reflective print to form the 313-area code of Detroit. Just two weeks after the NFL Draft brought much attention to Detroit, the new uniforms pay honor to our local culture, "MOTORCITY".

Modifications to the Tiger Uniform over the past 124 years have been minimal. The City Connect Uniforms are scheduled to be worn at Friday home games during the regular season





LA SED: CELEBRATING 59 YE

Congratulations to LA SED for another successful Recognition Luncheon held Thursday, May 2 at the MGM Grand Detroit. Attended by over 400 people, the luncheon is a wonderful way to celebrate community members that have made an impact in our Southwest Detroit community.

Rico Razo, Chief of Home Repair & Neighborhood Services for the City of Detroit, returned as emcee for the luncheon program, and introduced special guest Mayor Mike Duggan. The mayor congratulated LA SED for its commitment to serving the needs of Southwest Detroit residents, particularly those with language and cultural barriers. He noted that LA SED stepped up in a big way to deliver urgently needed health education, screening and vaccination services throughout the pandemic.

This year's keynote speaker was Jerry Norcia, Chairman and CEO of DTE Energy. Due to an unexpected conflict in Norcia's schedule which prevented him from being at the luncheon in person, a video tape was shown where he was interviewed by Jane C. Garcia, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of LA SED. Garcia explored with Norcia various aspects of DTE's commitment to serving the community, particularly what the company is doing to minimize power outages and provide financial support to continue services to low-income households.

This year's luncheon awardees were:

- Bruce Simpson, Ombudsman, City of Detroit, recipient of the Board of Directors Award
- Margaret Hooker, Senior of the Year Award
- Juan de Dios Gutierrez-Santos, Youth of the Year Award

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Youth of the Year Awardee Juan de Dios Gutierrez-Santos with Mary Carmen Muñoz

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan with LA SED Executive Director Mary Carmen Muñoz

Board of Directors Awardee Bruce Simpson with Mary Carmen Muñoz

Senior of the Year Awardee Margaret Hooker with Lupe Lara and Mary Carmen Muñoz

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The program commenced with a video of the Association of Hispanic Nurses singing the National Anthem. In 1945 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt commissioned that the national anthem be translated into Spanish to show America's respect for Spanish-speaking people and the Latino culture in the Americas.

Kaynote Speaker by video, Jerry Norcia, CEO, DTE Energy

Mariachi Jalisco

Lura Grannemann, Executive Director, Rocket Community Fund

Raices Mexicanas de Detroit

From left, Wayne State University President, Dr. Kimberly Espy is greeted by Jane C. Garcia and Emcee Rico Razo

Emcee Rico Razo

Western International High School ROTC

Guests pause for a pose during the reception

Participants celebrate

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This past weekend Justin Verlander and the Houston Astros, visited Comerica Park.

The Tigers won 1 out of the three games against the Astros, this past weekend.

Justin Verlander took the mound against his former team, on Sunday, and helped the Atros beat the Tigers 9-3.

Detroit Tiger Spencer Torkelson, recorded his first home run of the season.

Spencer Torkelson recorded his second home run on Monday, against the Miami Marlins, to help the Tigers beat the Miami Marlins 6-5.

The Detroit Tigers travel to the Arizona Diamondbacks, this Friday, May 17th through Sunday, May 19th, then travel to the Kansas City Royals on Monday, May 20th through Wednesday, May 22nd, before returning to Comerica Park on Thursday, May 23rd to host the Toronto Blue Jays.

Spencer Torkelson had 31 home runs last season, and we hope after the two home runs that he will continue his home run streak.

Photos below are highlights from Justin Verlander and Spencer Torkelson from Sunday's game between the Tigers and Astros

Justin Verlander (35) dominates his former team with 7 IP, 2 H, 0 ER, 8 K, and 2 BB

Mauricio Dubon narrowly slides safely back into first base as Spencer Torkelson (20) looks to make a play

Justin Verlander watches on as teammates advance bases

Spencer Torkelson (20) celebrates with his Tigers teammates after hitting a 405 foot homer to left field in the bottom of the ninth inning

National Golden Gloves Tournament

The National Golden Gloves Tournament will be held Downtown Detroit, Monday, May 13th through Saturday, May 19th at Huntington Place.

Thursday and Friday 5:00 pm start time, with the Finals on Saturday at 4:00 pm

For tickets and more information, please visit; http://www.goldenglovesusa.org/, or visit the box office at Huntington Place

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Big Week for Detroit City

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Playing two defending champions a few days apart would be draining for even the fittest teams. Detroit City met the defending Lamar Hunt US Open Cup champions in Houston last Tuesday and then returned home to Keyworth Stadium to meet the USL Championship title holders from Phoenix on Saturday. It turned into a great week, which the team will celebrate with a couple of days off before preparing for next Wednesday's round of 16 Open Cup match against Indy XI.

When the Houston Dynamo cruised to a 2-0 just a half hour into the Cup match, one could have understood if DCFC decided to forget the Cup and focus on the league. That's not how this team is wired though, especially under new boss Danny Dichio. This team never gives up and never knows when they are beaten. As Dichio said in his post game comments to the club web site, they have adopted some of the same "Grit" as the NFL's Detroit Lions.

Newcomer Ryan Williams gave the team a lifeline before halftime with a stunning long range shot into the top corner. That sparked the team and eventually they fought back twice more to send the game to extra time and eventually penalty kicks at 3-3. Then, another newcomer turned into the hero. After each team made nine out of ten penalties, it was up to the two goalkeepers. Veteran MLS goalkeeper Andrew Tarbell skied his shot into the seats. Carlos Saldana, signed by Dichio from Sacramento as Nate Steinwascher's backup, drilled his kick hard and low and past Tarbell before he could get down to stop it.

Suddenly, DCFC can envision at least the possibility of a Cup quarterfinal in July. They have already won in Indianapolis this year and will now feel confident of producing another result. Theirs is the only tie of the next round that doesn't have an MLS team in it. New York City FC's reserve team is also through to the last sixteen and will face New Mexico United of the USL Championship in the next round.

Having played 120 minutes in the heat and humidity of Houston left the team tired physically and emotionally. Still, they had to play Phoenix Rising last Saturday in front of their devoted fans. After receiving a warm greeting from the faithful, they gave the home crowd something to cheer with a superb opening twenty-five minutes. They even converted that early dominance into a lovely team goal finished off by Ben Morris with a looping volley from twenty-five yards that went up and over the goalkeeper.

From there, they tired rapidly. Dichio substituted liberally in the second half to try and add some energy. Even the return of winger Rhys Williams from a facial injury didn't provide enough of a lift. The team conceded from a corner and had to rely on a number of saves by Nate Steinwascher to take a point from the defending champions. Given last year's performances, nobody is dissatisfied with 17 points from the first 8 games. It keeps DCFC third in the Eastern Conference.

The team will remain on the road until mid-June. The most important thing for the team now is recovery after a hard week. Even before going to Houston, they had to play in Loudon, Virginia, so the Cup game was also on short rest. That game was also a draw. The ten days off before going to Indianapolis should re-energize the side. They will have another weekend off before going to Louisville for a major encounter with the team immediately above them in the table. The next home game won't be until June 15 when league-leading Charleston comes to Keyworth.

While the men revel in their superb start to 2024, the DCFC women opened their USL W League season with a 1-0 win over Flint City AFC. Flint City led the Great Lakes Division last year, so this is a superb start for the DCFC women. While the men are off this weekend, the ladies will host Flint City in the return match. Second year coach David Dwaihy has assembled a squad mixed with newcomers, players from last year's W League team, and women who played on the PASL indoor team during the winter. There is a balance of youth and experience that help them challenge towards the top of the league this year.

DCFC Tie with Phoenix Rising FC, 1-1

The Detroit City FC mens hosted the Phoenix Rising FC this past Saturday, at Keyworth Stadium.

The Detroit City FC mens tied with the Phoenix Rising FC, 1-1.

The Detroit City FC mens, travel to take on the Indy Eleven, for the U.S. Open Cup (Round of 16), on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 7:00 pm, then travel to take on Louisville City FC on Wednesday, May 29th, at 7:30 pm (DETROIT50).

For more information about Detroit City FC, visit detcityfc.com and follow @DetroitCityFC on Twitter and Facebook and @detroitcityfootballclub on Instagram.

Photos below are highlights from Saturdays game between Detroit City FC and Phoenix Rising FC

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EDITORIAL OPINION

Entérate cómo te puede afectar la pelea por la Ley del Campo

Por José López Zamorano
Para La Red Hispana

Una gran parte de la atención nacional ha estado centrada en las protestas estudiantiles, el juicio a Donald Trump y los problemas de popularidad del presidente Joe Biden.

Pero detrás de la vitrina pública, se gesta una pelea formidable entre republicanos y demócratas que podría incidir en la alimentación de millones de personas en los Estados Unidos.

Estamos hablando de la reautorización quinquenal de la llamada Ley del Campo (FARM BILL) que tendrá un costo estimado de 1.5 millones de millones de dólares.

Los demócratas del Senado buscan neutralizar los esfuerzos de los republicanos de la Cámara de Representantes para limitar la autoridad del Departamento de Agricultura (USDA) sobre la Corporación de Crédito para Productos Básicos (CCC).

También rechazan el plan republicano para limitar actualizaciones al Thrifty Food Plan (TFP), que está relacionado con el Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP), el cual brinda apoyo alimentario a más de 41 millones de personas, la mayoría niños, personas mayores o con discapacidad.

Los beneficios máximos de SNAP se actualizan cada año según el costo del TFP en junio y entran en vigencia el 1 de octubre. El TFP es el costo de los alimentos necesarios para proporcionar una dieta saludable y asequible a una familia de cuatro personas.

Sólo el 20 por ciento de los hogares que reciben SNAP tienen ingresos mensuales brutos por encima del umbral federal de pobreza. El ingreso bruto mensual promedio de un hogar que recibe SNAP es de $872 dólares y el ingreso neto es de $398.

Un 37% de los beneficiarios de SNAP son blancos no-hispanos, un 26% son afroamericanos, un 16% son hispanos, un 3% asiáticos y un 2% nativos americanos, según cifras oficiales.

No hay duda que la Ley del Campo es el más importante instrumento de política agrícola y alimentaria de los Estados Unidos.

Creada en 1933 bajo el nombre de la Ley de Ajuste Agrícola (AAA), en medio de una sequía histórica y de la hambruna detonada durante la Gran Depresión, la legislación tuvo el doble propósito de ayudar a los granjeros y alimentar a las familias más pobres.

La Ley del Campo no logró ser renovada en su más reciente expiración y se mantiene con los mismos niveles de gasto que la versión previa.

Los comités de agricultura de la cámara de representantes y del Senado, tienen previsto aprobar sus versiones de la legislación en los próximos días.

Se requiere crear un consenso entre legisladores demócratas y republicanos moderados para aprobar una Ley del Campo que beneficie a los segmentos más vulnerables de la sociedad, a los granjeros y al país en su conjunto.

Tu voz cuenta en el desenlace de esta batalla. Comunícate con tu delegación en el Congreso y hazle saber tu punto de vista. Nadie debe ser un espectador pasivo cuando la alimentación de millones, en especial los más vulnerables, está en juego.

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EDITORIAL OPINION

Find out how the fight over the Farm Bill can affect you

By José López Zamorano
For La Red Hispana

Much of the national attention has been focused on student protests, the trial of Donald Trump and President Joe Biden's popularity problems.

But behind the public showcase, a formidable fight is brewing between Republicans and Democrats that could affect the nutrition of millions of people in the United States.

We are talking about the five-year reauthorization of the so-called Farm Bill (FARM BILL) that will have an estimated cost of 1.5 million million dollars.

Senate Democrats seek to neutralize efforts by House Republicans to limit the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) authority over the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

They also reject the Republican plan to limit updates to the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP), which is related to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which provides food support to more than 41 million people, most of them children, seniors or with disabilities.

Maximum SNAP benefits are updated each year based on the TFP cost in June and go into effect on October 1. The TFP is the cost of food needed to provide a healthy, affordable diet for a family of four.

Only 20 percent of households receiving SNAP have gross monthly incomes above the federal poverty line. The average monthly gross income of a household receiving SNAP is $872 and net income is $398.

37% of SNAP beneficiaries are non-Hispanic white, 26% are African American, 16% are Hispanic, 3% are Asian and 2% are Native American, according to official figures.

There is no doubt that the Farm Law is the most important instrument of agricultural and food policy in the United States.

Created in 1933 under the name of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA), in the midst of a historic drought and famine during the Great Depression, the legislation had the dual purpose of helping farmers and feeding the poorest families. .

The Country Law was not renewed during its most recent expiration and remains at the same spending levels as the previous version.

The House and Senate Agriculture Committees are scheduled to approve their versions of the legislation in the coming days.

It is necessary to create a consensus between Democratic and moderate Republican legislators to approve a Farm Law that benefits the most vulnerable segments of society, farmers and the country as a whole.

Your voice counts in the outcome of this battle. Contact your congressional delegation and let them know your point of view. No one should be a passive spectator when the feeding of millions, especially the most vulnerable, is at stake.

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Know Your Risk for Blood Clots Before Taking Birth Control

(StatePoint) In today's evolving reproductive health landscape, informed decision making about contraception is crucial, particularly for women affected by inherited blood clotting conditions or thrombophilia. Selecting the right birth control method is pivotal, say experts, who point to research that shows the risk for potentially life-threatening blood clots is 35 times greater among women with genetic clotting disorders who use estrogen-based contraceptives.

Dynamic Debate

Recent advances in technology and healthcare policies have fueled debate around screening for thrombophilia, a condition characterized by an increased tendency to develop blood clots, before starting estrogen-based contraceptives.

Current guidelines discourage universal thrombophilia testing, citing concerns such as costs and potential adverse psychological effects. Instead, selective screening, focused on individuals with personal or family histories of blood clots, is more likely to be embraced by the medical community. Also, concerns about unfair treatment by insurers or employers due to genetic disclosures underscore the complexities of this approach.

However, people in support of a more patient-centered approach to healthcare and this type of birth control decision making stress the importance of identifying individuals at higher risk for blood clots.

Patient-Centered Approach

Each year, many hundreds of women in the United States alone lose their life due to blood clots linked to estrogen-based contraception, as studies demonstrate. Advocates for genetic testing emphasize its role in facilitating personalized healthcare decisions, potentially reducing the incidence of clot-related fatalities, and empowering women with information and a more patient-centric approach to reproductive healthcare.

Cost considerations remain a significant factor, but for many, the value of preserving health and saving lives far outweighs financial concerns. While insurance coverage for genetic testing varies, studies show a willingness among women to bear screening costs, underscoring the importance of informed decision-making.

Despite the perceived low absolute risk for blood clots among individuals with genetic clotting disorders, personal factors must be considered. Tailored approaches to contraceptive decisions, guided by

individual risk profiles, may be warranted, especially in certain populations with higher rates of genetic clotting disorders.

For individuals with genetic thrombophilia, contraceptive options such as copper IUDs or progestin-only pills offer effective alternatives without increasing clotting risks. Prioritizing safety and effectiveness is paramount in contraceptive decision making.

While genetic testing may cause some level of anxiety or concern, studies indicate that most individuals do not regret pursuing testing. Knowledge empowers individuals to make proactive decisions about their health, outweighing potential psychological burdens.

Discrimination Concerns

Despite legal protections, concerns about discrimination persist. Understanding the implications of genetic disclosures on insurance and employment can inform decision-making processes, though these concerns may rightfully deter some individuals from pursuing testing.

Women interested in pursuing genetic testing should talk with their healthcare provider about their testing options. Genetic counselors can also provide valuable help. Women considering their contraception options and interested in learning more about genetic testing can get more information from the Rowan Foundation at www.alexrowanfoundation.org.

Empowering Women

Genetic testing holds the promise of empowering women to engage in informed discussions with healthcare providers, fostering shared decision making in reproductive healthcare. Informed choices, guided by genetic information, may pave the way for more personalized and patient-centered care.

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